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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (அ) There is no proposal at present.

(இ) The Government can consider their inclusion only after extending the Scheme to all workers and their families, now covered under the Act.

* 489 *Q.*—SRI C. CHIRANJEEVULU NAIDU (on behalf of SRI V. SANKARAN) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to extend the benefits of the Employees' State Insurance Scheme to the families of industrial workers in Madurai, Coimbatore and Madras; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Government have a proposal to eventually extend the benefits of the Employees' State Insurance Scheme to the families of industrial workers in Madurai, Coimbatore and Madras.

(*b*) It could not be immediately extended because of the following reasons :—

(1) Hospital accommodation in all the 3 places are inadequate.

(2) The existing State Insurance dispensaries do not have adequate accommodation.

(3) Government have given priority for the extension of the Scheme to all workers and their families in centres having a concentration of over 1,500 workers and to as many centres with even less population as can be done consistent with the available medical and nursing and compounding staff and this is being implemented. After this is completed, the Scheme can be extended to families in Coimbatore, Madurai and Madras.

(4) The employers in Madurai are being consulted to undertake the extension of the Scheme to families of workers, utilising the present arrangements and their reply is awaited.

(5) The extension is also handicapped to some extent by the dearth of medical, compounding and ancillary staff and steps are being taken to meet the shortage.

வார விடுமுறை (தொழிலாளர்கள்)

* 490 கேள்வி.—திரு. கே. மூக்கையா தேவர் (திரு. அ. பெ. தர்மலிங்கம் அவர்கள் சார்பாக) : கனம் நிதி அமைச்சர் தயவு செய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு வாரத்தில் இரண்டு விடுமுறை நாட்கள் அளிக்கக்கோரி சமீபத்தில் விண்ணப்பம் ஏதேனும் அரசாங்கத்திற்கு வந்துள்ளதா ?

(இ) அப்படியானல், அதன்மீது என்ன முடிவு எடுக்கப் பட்டது ?